Monthly Gas Utility Statistical Report

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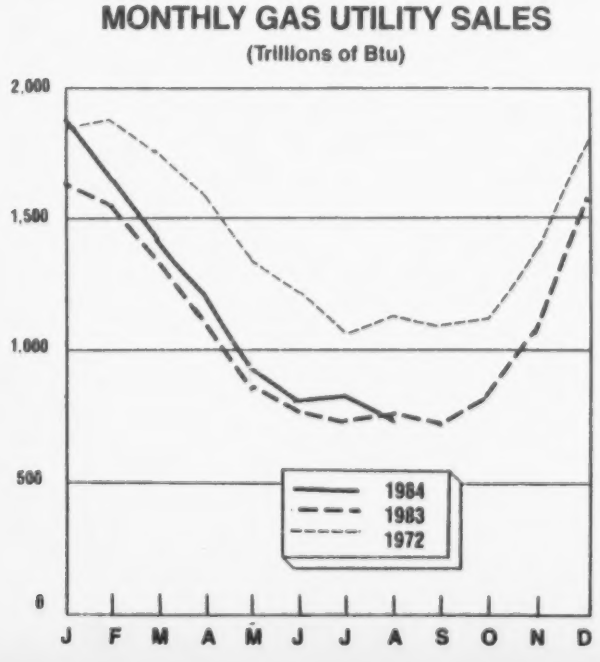
Residential, commercial and industrial sales showed a decline in August of 1984 compared to last year. Total sales were down 3.0 percent from 762.8 trillion Btu in August 1983 to 740.2 trillion Btu in August 1984.

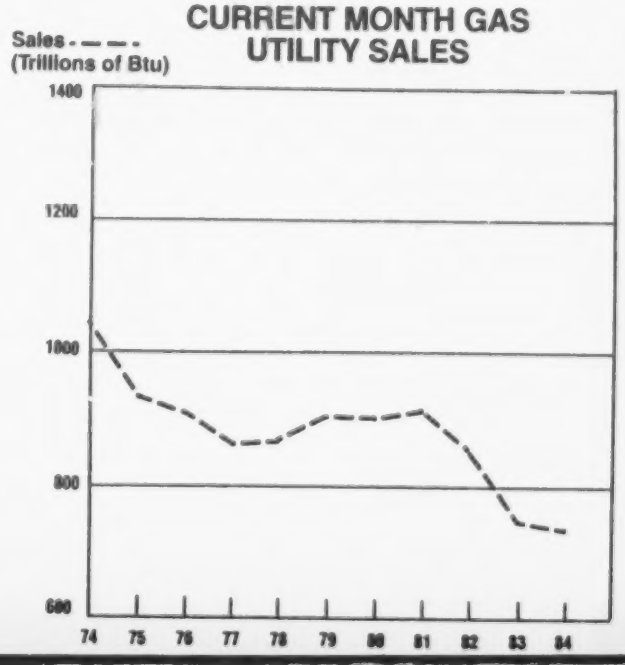
GAS UTILITY VOLUMES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS (Trillions of Btu)

	August			Year to Date (% Change)		January 1 to December 31		
	1984	1983	% Change[2]	1984*	Last Period	1984 Forecast[1]	1983	% Change
Residential	120.1	122.9	- 2.3	3,325.0	+ 7.0	4,687.2	4,450.2	+ 5.3
Commercial	89.7	94.1	- 4.7	1,675.5	+ 5.9	2,410.9	2,298.4	+ 4.9
Industrial	522.6	538.7	- 3.0	4,285.6	+ 7.7	6,274.7	5,970.0	+ 5.1
Other	7.8	7.1	-	106.5	-	157.4	140.4	-
Total Sales	740.2	762.8	- 3.0	9,392.6	+ 7.1	13,530.2	12,859.0	+ 5.2
Transportation	139.4	64.9	+114.8	N/A		N/A	N/A	
Total Volumes	879.6	827.7	+ 6.3	N/A		N/A	N/A	

Gas volumes are based on a sample of 69 companies whose sales constitute about 65 percent of the total gas utility sales to ultimate consumers.

*The year-to-date sales figures have been adjusted to reflect 1983 Gas Facts.





RESIDENTIAL APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS - AUGUST
(Thousands of Units)

	1984	1983	% Change '83 vs '84
Domestic Range			
Gas	145.9	128.5	+ 13.5
Electric	251.5	269.1	- 6.5
Clothes Dryers			
Gas	60.8	62.1	- 2.1
Electric	247.3	254.9	- 3.0
Warm Air Furnaces			
Gas	169.7	145.9	+ 16.3
Electric	31.4	34.8	- 9.8
Oil	14.4	13.3	+ 8.1
Boilers			
Gas	14.6	12.6	+ 16.2
Electric	0.1	0.1	- 4.4
Oil	9.4	7.6	+ 25.0

Sources: Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS - AUGUST

	1984	1983	% Change '83 vs '84
Total Actual Private Housing Starts (Thous. of units)	145.5	176.8	- 17.7
Consumer Price Index (All urban, unadjusted, 1967 = 100)			
Gas (utility pipe gas)	592.2	589.9	+ 0.4
Electricity	374.3	340.7	+ 9.9
Fuel Oil	632.4	626.5	+ 0.9

Sources: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Index Total Gas Sales (1972 = 100)	65.7	67.7	- 3.0
Gas Utility Prices ($/MMBtu)			
Residential	6.90	6.87	+ 0.4
Commercial	5.48	5.53	- 0.9
Industrial	4.28	4.33	- 1.2
Total	4.86	4.89	- 0.6
Carriage Volumes[3] (trillions of Btu)			
To Ultimate Consumers	139.4	64.9	+ 114.8
For Ultimate Consumers	13.3	4.3	+ 209.3
For Resale	151.9	101.4	+ 49.8
Total	304.6	170.6	+ 78.5

Source: A.G.A.

AVERAGE ANNUAL GAS UTILITY PRICES
($/MMBtu)

Year	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.	Oth.
1975	1.29	1.69	1.38	0.99	0.94
1976	1.60	1.98	1.68	1.31	1.36
1977	1.97	2.33	2.07	1.69	1.74
1978	2.18	2.53	2.28	1.90	1.79
1979	2.52	2.92	2.66	2.23	1.94
1980	3.13	3.61	3.34	2.79	2.64
1981	3.65	4.16	3.91	3.29	3.46
1982	4.44	4.97	4.72	3.97	4.30
1983	5.12	5.88	5.51	4.41	4.92
1984					
1st Qtr.[P]	5.19	5.67	5.47	4.36	4.83
2nd Qtr.[P]	5.06	6.05	5.54	4.32	4.68

[P]Preliminary

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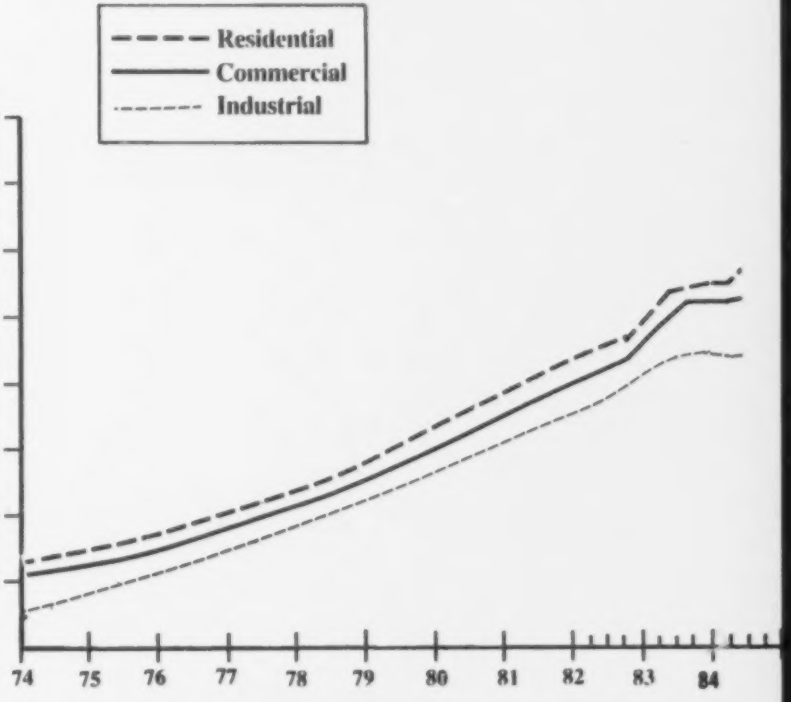

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[1]1984 forecasts for the residential and commercial sectors are based on available 1984 monthly data. The remaining months are derived by using a four year average. The industrial sector forecast is also based on available 1984 monthly data. The remaining months of 1984 are heavily weighted by last years sales with no adjustment made for degree days.

[2]The percent change is a function of the 69 sample companies.

[3]Carriage volumes determined by using a simple straight expansion of sample data to represent the total gas utility industry. Carriage volumes for ultimate consumers are volumes delivered to another transporter, not the ultimate consumer, and are therefore broken out to eliminate double counting of volumes delivered to ultimate consumers.